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KENTUCKY MAN SENTENCED FOR COMPUTER INTRUSION

PRESS RELEASE

INDIANAPOLIS - Joseph H. Hogsett, United States Attorney, announced today that Walter D. Puckett, 40, of Williamstown, Ky., was sentenced to three years of probation by U.S. District Chief Judge Richard L. Young after his guilty plea to computer intrusion. This case was the result of a lengthy investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Puckett admitted that he accessed the computer system of the Stens Corporation, based in Jasper, Ind., from various places on numerous occasions without authorization. Puckett further admitted that the computer intrusions were performed for the purpose of gaining commercial advantage and personal financial benefit. Puckett was employed by a competitor of Stens when he accessed the Stens' computer system.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Young also ordered Puckett to serve the first 300 days of his probation term in a work release center. Puckett was also ordered to make restitution in the amount of \$72,481 to Stens..

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